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Dear Potential Buyers:

DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR NICKEL SALES AGREEMENT, DE-SC30-09CC40098

This letter transmits Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) DE-SC30-09CC40098. Interested parties are hereby invited to thoroughly examine the Draft RFP and accompanying Web site (<http://www.emcbc.doe.gov/nickel/>) in their entirety and to submit comments and/or inquiries in writing via email at nickel@emcbc.doe.gov. It is requested that comments and/or inquiries be sent to this email only. The Government will consider comments and/or inquiries for potential incorporation and/or clarification in the formal RFP. Comments and/or inquiries will be accepted until September 4, 2009.

Comments on any area of the draft RFP are appreciated. The Department of Energy (DOE) requests that several key areas be given special consideration when submitting comments and/or inquiries:

- (1) The nickel is NOT intended for unrestricted release for recycling into commerce. Therefore, stringent control requirements have been carefully developed. This includes preparation of an Inventory Control Plan and completion of DOE Form 580.1, U.S. Department Of Energy End-Use Certificate by the Buyer, and all subsequent recipient(s) of the nickel. See Articles XI and XII, Exhibits 3, 4 and 5, Attachments 1 and 3.
- (2) A Performance Bond must be procured by the Buyer and by each subsequent recipient(s) before transfer of material to ensure the Sales Agreement will be performed as documented. See Article XI and Exhibit 5.
- (3) DOE Property Regulations require that DOE certification of declassification and decontamination of the nickel occur prior to title transfer and sale; the payment to the Government will be required at the time of title transfer. Due to the amount of time required between submission of proposals and title transfer, the spot price of the market nickel will likely change. Industry input is requested.
- (4) The nickel consists of two lots: "Lot 1" is defined as the inventory of approximately 9,700 U.S. tons of nickel ingots and the associated molds currently stored at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (GDP) in Paducah, Kentucky; "Lot 2" is defined as the inventory of approximately 5,600 U.S. tons of shredded nickel scrap currently stored at the East

Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Buyer may pay by the Sublot (portions of a Lot), as defined in the Buyer's proposal.

- (5) One RFP is being contemplated for both the Paducah and Oak Ridge nickel. Would industry be better served by issuing separate RFPs for the respective Lots?
- (6) It is the policy of the DOE to be a constructive partner in the geographic region in which DOE conducts its business. This community commitment is described in Article XXVI.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR EVALUATED. A FORMAL RFP MAY BE RELEASED AT A LATER DATE FOR WHICH INTERESTED PARTIES MAY SUBMIT PROPOSALS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noelle Mills". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Noelle Mills
Contracting Officer

Enclosure: Draft Request for Proposals